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ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
Church and Manse Building Board
—OF THE—
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.
—FOR—
MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

(Presented to the General Assembly, June, 1887.)



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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

At its meeting in Winnipeg, in June, 1887, passed the following resolution anent the Report of the Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund:

"The Assembly has heard with great gratification the report of the Church and Manse Building Fund. We rejoice at what has been done in the interest of our Church through the means of this Fund. The Assembly commend it anew to the continued liberality of our people, and express the hope that moneys may be obtained by the friends of this Fund, sufficient to carry on without hindrance the great work of the Church."

The following Board was appointed for the year 1887-8, viz:—R. Wds. C. B. Pitblado, *Convener*; Dr. Cochrane, R. H. Warden, James Robertson, James Farquharson, James C. Herdman, Alexander Urquhart, Allan Bell, James Todd, D. M. Gordon, Hon. Justice Taylor, Messrs. D. McArthur, G. D. McVicar, J. B. McKilligan and C. H. Campbell.

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—OF THE—
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
—FOR—
MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES,
For 1896-7.

During the past year the Board assisted in erecting fifteen churches, in purchasing two buildings to be used as churches, in removing a mortgage that was to be foreclosed, (and the foreclosure of which would deprive a congregation of its place of worship), and in erecting three mansees. The drought that prevailed in several parts of the country and the financial stringency induced thereby, checked building operations somewhat, but increased activity is shown this spring. Grants and loans were voted for the following congregations:—

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

EMERSON.—A town near the international boundary line, on the Pembina Branch railway, surrounded by a good farming country. Suffered much through the "boom," but is recovering. Loan of \$800 to help remove mortgage that was to be foreclosed.

FORT FRANCIS.—Situated at the outlet of Rainy Lake. Important farming and lumbering district, of which the town is the business centre. Additional grant of \$101.49, making in all \$137.49 on church worth \$1000.

BLYTHFIELD.—Important farming and ranching district, 20 miles southwest of Winnipeg. Loan of \$340 on Manse costing \$680.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

MORDEN.—Important town on Pembina Mountain Railway. Additional loan of \$250, making \$750 on a church worth \$1500.

PILOT MOUND.—Situated on Pembina Mountain Railway, in the midst of a fertile farming district. Loan \$500 to purchase a hall that cost \$1000. The original cost of the building was \$3000.

BOISEVAIN.—A growing town on the Pembina Mountain Railway, 183 miles from Winnipeg, surrounded by a good farming country. Loan of \$500 on a building costing \$1000.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

KNOX CHURCH, BRANDON.—Brandon, the most important town in Manitoba west of Winnipeg. Loan of \$870, to purchase a hall worth \$1250. Knox Church is the new congregation recently organized.

NEEPAWA.—Thriving town on the M. & N. W. Railway, near the Riding Mountains, surrounded by well-settled farming district. Loan \$400 to erect a manse costing \$850.

TUMMEL.—Farming district in Shell River County. Grant of \$100 to assist in building church, to cost \$500.

SHOAL LAKE.—Town charmingly situated on Lake of same name. Summer resort. Loan of \$300 on church costing \$1200.

STRATHCLAIR.—Station on the M. & N. W. Railway. Fertile farming district. Grant of \$100 on church worth \$900.

BIRTLÉ.—Enterprising town on the M. & N. W. Railway at the crossing of the Bird Tail river. Loan \$550 on a church costing \$2000.

PRESEBYTERY OF REGINA.

FORT QU'APPELLE.—Beautifully situated in the valley of river of same name, surrounded by a good farming country. Congregation built stone church, and when near completion it was destroyed by fire. With great energy the congregation undertook to rebuild, and the church was opened in January last. In the exceptional circumstances the Board voted grant of \$400 on a church worth \$2000.

ROXBORO.—Fourteen miles north of Qu'Appelle, good farming country. Loan \$200 on a church worth \$700.

FILE HILLS.—Farming district, northeast of Fort Qu'Appelle. Land well taken up and settlement close. Loan \$200 on church costing \$700.

CATHCART.—Additional grant of \$17.35, making \$1516.16 on buildings worth \$1600.

MCLEOD.—Station connected with Broadview, and in a good farming district. Grant of \$150 to build a church worth \$800.

BATTLEFORD.—Former capital of the N. W. T., situated near the confluence of Battle and Saskatchewan Rivers. Important station of M. Police, site of Indian Industrial School, and important post of Indian department. Grant of \$250 on a church costing \$3000.

WINLAW.—Mission station in S. E. Assinibola, good farming country. Grant of \$100 on church worth \$800.

LETHBRIDGE.—Headquarters of N. W. Coal and Navigation Co., important mining district. Loan of \$750 on manse costing \$1500.

ORKNEY.—Station in York Colony. Good farming district. Grant of \$125 church worth \$500.

ARMSTRONG LAKE.—Farming district in same locality. Grant of \$125, church worth \$500.

YORKTON.—Principal town of the York Colony. Grant of \$200 on stone church costing \$1000.

WALLACE.—Station in one of townships of York Colony. Grant of \$125 on church costing \$500.

The following statement will show the operations of the Board since its organization in 1882.

For the year ending June 1st, 1883, the following buildings were assisted from the fund:—

1. SUNNYSIDE	Church, loan of	\$1005 78	Building valued at	\$2000 00
2. BRANT & ARDYLE	Church, "	450 00	"	1040 00
3. WEST LYNN	Church, "	1000 00	"	2000 00
4. NELSON	Manse, "	800 00	"	"
Additional on total church property		200 00	"	3600 00
5. MARRINGHURST	Church-Manse free grant	202 69	"	730 00
Additional in 1884		105 86	"	"
6. BRANDON	Church, loan of	1204 77	"	3000 00
7. NEEPAWA	Church, "	400 00	"	1475 00
8. RAPID CITY	Church, "	2000 00	"	2500 00
9. HIGH BLUFF	Manse, "	1000 00	"	2600 00
10. CARBERRY	Church, "	1500 00	"	2700 00
11. OAK LAKE	Church, "	250 00	"	750 00
12. MINNEDOSA	Church, "	450 00	"	5500 00
13. EDMONTON	Church, "	600 00	"	2000 00
14. REGINA	Church, "	1133 65	"	"
Changed into a Manse at cost of		401 00	"	1635 30
		\$12,704 40		\$31,430 30

For the year ending June 1st, 1884, the following buildings were assisted from the Fund:

1. RAT PORTAGE	Manse, loan of	\$ 800 00	Building valued at	\$1300 00
2. RAT PORTAGE	Church, "	1208 10	"	2900 00
3. UNION POINT (Morris)	Church, "	100 00	"	257 00
4. MIAMI	Church, "	150 00	"	400 00
5. DOMINION CITY	Church, "	324 00	"	1000 00
6. GREENRIDGE	Church, "	1000 00	"	1000 00
7. GLADSTONE	Church, "	200 00	Improvements	1000 00

8. GLADSTONE	Manse, loan of	800 00	Buildings valued at \$1750 00
9. GREENWOOD	Church, "	800 00	" " 1000 00
10. STONEWALL	Church, "	1000 00	" " 2200 00
11. CADURCIS	Church, "	250 00	" " 550 00
12. HUMESVILLE	Church, "	300 00	" " 1300 00
13. VIRDEN	Church-Manse	600 00	" " 1600 00
14. MOOSOMIN	Church, "	620 84	" " 1025 00
15. GREENFELL	Church, "	401 00	" " 850 00
	Additional	24 05	" " "
16. BROADVIEW	Church-Manse	881 19	" " 1600 00
	Additional	350 00	" " "
17. INDIAN HEAD	Church, "	1000 00	" " 2195 00
18. QU'APPELLE	Church, "	425 00	" " 1500 00
19. MOOSE JAW	Church, "	1000 00	" " 1550 00
20. CALGARY	Church, "	289 88	" " 700 00
21. LENNOX	Church, grant	150 00	" " 300 00
22. COLLESTON (P. Albert)	Church, "	100 00	" " 300 00
23. WILLOUGHBY	Church, "	100 00	" " 300 00
24. THE RIDGE	Church, "	100 00	" " 300 00
		\$12,424 16	\$27,350 00

For the year ending June 1st, 1885.

1. HEADINGLY	Church, grant	50 00	Improvem'ts valued \$ 200 00
2. MANITOU	Church, loan	800 00	Buildings valued at 2000 00
3. CARMAN	Church, "	590 00	" " 1500 00
	Additional in 1885	100 00	" " "
4. SOURIS	Church, loan	506 00	" " 1200 00
5. CLAN WILLIAM	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
6. CARLYLE (West)	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
	Additional	50 00	" " "
7. CARLYLE (East)	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
	Additional	50 00	" " "
8. MOFFATVILLE	Church, grant	100 00	" " 600 00
9. WOLSELEY	Church, "	250 00	" " 1000 00
10. MEDICINE HAT	Church, loan	250 00	" " 700 00
11. STURGEON RIVER	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
12. REGINA	Church, loan	1999 32	" " 4000 00
13. MINNEDOSA	Manse, "	500 00	" " 1800 00
	Additional in 1886	700 00	" " "
14. BURNSIDE	Manse "	400 00	" " 1150 00
		\$6,649 32	\$16,250 00

For the year ending June 1st, 1886.

1. SPRINGFIELD	Manse, loan	\$ 300 00	Buildings valued at \$1200 00
2. FORT FRANCIS	Church, grant	36 00	" " 1000 00
	Additional in 1887	101 48	" " "
3. MORDEN	Church, loan	500 00	" " 1500 00
	Additional in 1887	250 00	" " "
4. BEACONSFIELD	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
5. OAK LAKE	Church, loan	350 00	" " 600 00
6. GLENDALE	Church, "	450 80	" " 800 00
7. WHITEWOOD	Church-Manse	650 00	" " 1000 00
8. MEDICINE HAT	Manse, loan	400 00	" " 800 00
9. KINBRAE	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
10. FORT QU'APPELLE	Manse, loan	620 00	" " 1300 00
11. CARSDALE	Church, grant	125 00	" " 500 00
12. LONGLAKE TON	Church, "	125 00	" " 500 00
13. CLOVER BAR	Church, "	100 00	" " 500 00
14. FORT SASKATCHEWAN	Church, "	100 00	" " 500 00
15. FORT MCLEOD	Church, "	250 00	" " 1300 00
16. LETHBRIDGE	Church, loan	580 13	" " 1600 00
17. ALAMEDA	Church, grant	100 00	" " 500 00
18. MOOSE CREEK	Church, "	150 00	" " 500 00
19. KINDRED'S	Church, "	100 00	" " 400 00
20. CATHCART, (North)	Church, "	1516 16	1600 00
21. CATHCART, (South)	Church, "		
	Additional		
		\$6,984 28	\$17,300 00

For the year embraced in present report.

1. PILOT MOUND	Church-Hall loan '...	\$500 00	Building valued at	\$1000 00
2. BOISEVAIN	Church, loan	500 00	" "	1000 00
3. BRANDON (Knox Church) ..	Church, "	370 00	" "	1250 00
4. NEEPAWA	Manse, "	400 00	" "	850 00
5. SHOAL LAKE	Church, "	300 00	" "	1200 00
6. STRATHCLAIR	Church, grant	100 00	" "	900 00
7. BIRTLE	Church, loan	550 00	" "	2000 00
8. FORT QU'APPELLE	Church, grant	400 00	" "	2000 00
9. ROXBORO	Church, loan	200 00	" "	700 00
10. FILE HILLS	Church, "	200 00	" "	700 00
11. MCLEOD (Broadview)	Church, grant	150 00	" "	800 00
12. BATTLEFORD	Church, "	250 00	" "	3000 00
13. WINLAW	Church, "	100 00	" "	800 00
14. EMERSON	Church, loan	500 00	" "	1500 00
15. LETHBRIDGE	Manse, "	750 00	" "	1500 00
16. TUMMEL (Shell River)	Church, grant	100 00	" "	500 00
17. BLYTHFIELD	Manse, loan	340 00	" "	800 00
18. ORKNEY (Yorkton)	Church, grant	125 00	" "	500 00
19. ARMSTRONG LAKE	Church, "	125 00	" "	500 00
20. WALLACE	Church, "	125 00	" "	500 00
21. YORKTON	Church, "	200 00	" "	1000 00
		\$6785 00		\$22800 00

Since its organization in 1882 the Board has thus helped to erect :—

In 1883.	14 Buildings.	Amount of Assistance,	\$12,704 40	Value of Buildings	\$31,430 30
1884.	24 "	" "	12,424 16	" "	27,380 00
1885.	14 "	" "	6,649 32	" "	16,250 00
1886.	21 "	" "	6,984 58	" "	17,300 00
1887.	21 "	" "	6,785 00	" "	22,800 00
94			\$45,547 46		\$115,160 30

Of these buildings 77 are Churches, 4 Church-Manse and 13 Manse. 19 are built of hewed logs, 67 are frame buildings, 3 brick and 5 stone.

Two of the Churches aided by the Board were consumed by fire last summer. One of these was insured for nearly three times the amount of the grant made by the Board. The other was without any insurance. Both congregations are building again.

The foregoing statement will enable the Church to understand over how wide an area the operations of the Board extend, and how much has been done to give visibility and permanence to the work of the Church. The aim of the Board has been to assist Presbyteries in planting churches in all centres of population; and the success has been such that no village or town of any size or promise in the Synod is without a church or the prospect of one this season.

The Board are pleased to report that congregations repaid on moneys advanced them \$2,002.15 last year, as against \$322 the previous year. As the circumstances of the country improve repayments may be expected to become more and more a source of revenue. For some time, however, owing to financial stringency, the Board cannot hope to call in its loans. Good security, in the shape of mortgages or notes, has been obtained in almost every case.

The Board feel the debt of obligation under which they lie to members and adherents of the Church in the Eastern Provinces who have so generously helped in this work of church extension. The Board can assure the subscribers to this Fund that every care is taken to grant aid only where there is promise of usefulness, and that steps are taken to see that those who receive aid exert themselves according to their ability.

Grants rather than loans have been made oftener than was contemplated when the Fund was created. The Board regard this method of helping congregations as more economical in many cases than making loans. The circumstances of many congregations preclude the prospect of their repaying any moneys loaned them for several years, if they are to assist in the support of ordinances. Hence small grants were made instead of larger loans, leaving congregations free to support ordinances. As the circumstances of these congregations improve an annual collection will be taken up which will soon recoup the Board for their outlay. The interest received from investments and from money at credit in the Bank has paid these grants in part. Part of them, however, has been made from capital. As the extent of the Board's power to make grants from capital is not clearly defined in the regulations, it is suggested that any apparent ambiguity be removed.

Since the number of congregations and Presbyteries is likely to increase the Board would suggest that the number of the Board be increased to fifteen, due regard being had to Presbyterian representation. At present the Board is composed of nine members.

From the census (taken two years ago in the Territories, and in Manitoba last year) it would appear that at least one-third of the white population is Presbyterian. Presbyteries are planting stations and organising mission fields at a rapid rate. It is most desirable that congregations should be delivered from the necessity of meeting in "dugouts" or uncomfortable outhouses. There are nearly 400 separate points at which the services are held and the churches number about 100, or a church for every fourth station. There are about 110 separate congregations and mission fields and only 23 manse.

There is submitted herewith the Treasurer's statement, and also a letter from the Superintendent of Missions showing the effect of the Fund on the work of the Church in the Synod.

The Board cordially welcome the Assembly to Winnipeg, and express the hope that Commissioners may be able to visit different parts of the country and see for themselves the effect this Fund has had in advancing the cause of morals and religion.

The Board are convinced that church extension in this country will be greatly impeded without a healthy Building Fund, and they are convinced that information only is required to secure the means needed to keep pace with the demands of settlement.

The regulations with changes proposed are as follows:—

1. The Fund shall be called The Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Manitoba and the North-West.

2. The amount to be aimed at in the first place shall be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); the Fund shall be raised by subscriptions and bequests.

3. The management of the Fund shall be entrusted to a Board of fifteen members, twelve of these to be appointed annually by the General Assembly. The other members of the Board shall be the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly, Western Section, and one member to be appointed by the said Committee. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancies made by death or resignation until the meeting of the next General Assembly thereafter. The usual place of meeting of the Board shall be Winnipeg.

4. All applications for aid in the erection of churches or manses shall be made to this Board through the Presbytery within whose bounds the congregation is situated, and before being considered by the Board must be recommended by the Presbytery, but the Board shall be sole judge as to the merits of the application, and the nature and amount of aid to be given.

5. The money constituting the Fund shall be, at the discretion of the Board, either invested and the revenue accruing therefrom given in the form of grants to congregations to assist in the erection of churches or manses, or the capital shall be employed to make loans or grants to such congregations.

6. Such loans shall be for a limited number of years, and at a moderate rate of interest. For good reasons the Board may remit the interest.

7. The assistance given, when in the form of a grant, shall not exceed one-fifth of the total cost of the building; and when in the form of loan shall not exceed fifty per cent. of the cost, unless in either case the circumstances are by the Board deemed exceptional. The money shall be payable only when the building can be used for service, in the case of grants. In the case of loans the money voted may be paid in instalments as the work of construction advances. No grant, however, is to be made or loan effected until the Board is satisfied that a valid title to the property, or a bond to that effect, has been secured by the congregation, and that the deed is in the form approved by the General Assembly.

8. It shall be competent for the Board, with the approval of the General Assembly, to make changes in these regulations, but such changes shall have due regard to the proper preservation of the capital entrusted to the Board.

9. The Board shall report its transactions annually to the General Assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. PITBLADO, *Chairman*,
DANIEL M. GORDON, *Secretary*.

STATEMENT

—OF THE—

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Church and Manse Building Fund was born of necessity. For several years before the Northwest was connected with the outside world by rail, settlers in considerable numbers were coming in. Their numbers increased as the prospects of a railway brightened. A large proportion of the new comers were Presbyterians. Many of them were young, with characters unformed and with religious convictions unsettled. Some were in quest of homes, others of wealth. The wholesome restraints of settled society were wanting. With the break-up in associations and the absence of restraint there lay the danger of the religious instincts becoming enfeebled and the sense of moral obligation blunted. If religious institutions were not planted among them and the teachings of early life followed up, indifference, irreligion and vice were certain to become prevalent. The facts were laid before the Church and prompt and energetic action was taken. Missionaries were appointed and money voted to support them.

But no sooner did missionaries appear on the ground than other difficulties presented themselves. There were neither churches in which to hold services, nor houses to shelter missionaries and their families. The Foreign Mission Committee appropriates its moneys to erect chapels, purchase bungalows or procure health retreats. The moneys of the Home Mission Committee can only be voted to help pay the salaries of missionaries.

My first tour through our mission fields opened my eyes. Settlement was being rapidly effected but for the eight years between 1874 and 1882 only 15 churches had been erected. School houses were few in number, and when available the low seats and narrow spacing proved rather trying to the long leg and longer thigh of the athletic Manitobans. I shall say nothing of the trials of female dress with its projections and distensions. Services were consequently held for the most part in private houses, and as the ceiling was sometimes low and formed of hay or sod it seemed a blessing to be short of stature. In summer, stables and stable lofts, byres and granaries, were fitted up, but the crowing, clucking and cackling of irreverent poultry, the barking of dogs, or the gambols of cattle, were too trying to the risibilities of the young; and odors more pungent than pleasant gave the sensitive nostril or the refractory stomach an excuse to rebel.

Railway stations and section houses, unfinished stores and dwelling houses, private and public halls were extemporized into churches wherever available; but the rent of halls frequently left little of the revenue to be applied on salary, as such halls were built "on spec" and supposed to pay themselves in three years. Hotel parlors and dining rooms, billiard and bar rooms were secured, but only occasionally. It was feared by the owner that the service might interfere with the legitimate trade of the place. I have preached in the front of the house when the proprietor was selling whiskey in the rear, but I had the satisfaction of knowing that he was fined \$300 and sent six months to gaol. Ludicrous incidents could be given and laughable stories told. But missionaries compelled to labor in this way felt as if they labored in vain and spent their strength for naught.

The need of manses was greater still. Missionaries could get houses to rent at only a few points, and \$30 per month was asked for very inferior accommodation. When it is borne in mind that the salary was only \$600, it will be seen that it was impossible for a minister to engage a house at such a figure. I have visited delicate refined women and cultured ministers in houses scarcely fit to shelter cattle. Dr. Guthrie, in appealing to Scottish audiences for money with which to build manses for Free Church ministers, pointed his appeals with incidents of heroic suffering. Cases of greater hardships could be cited in the history of missions in Manitoba. Disappointment, sickness and diminished power for work followed. Men lost their "spring"—their energy, and the work languished. An effort was made to reach the ear of the East, but a wilderness lay between, and eastern pastors were busy with their own work.

But why did not the people build? They could not. Many of them were poor—financial pressure drove them from the homes of their youth. For the first few years it was all out go and no income with them. Building timber could not be had but at a few points; lumber and hardware were dear. Something had to be done to encourage, to stimulate, else the work would fail. Such were the circumstances that called the Fund into existence and similar circumstances created funds in the American churches.

The effect of the Fund on the work of the Church has been unmistakable.

It has given visibility to Presbyterianism. There is not a village or town of any importance between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains that is not provided with a church, and many of the buildings are creditable structures. Rat Portage, Carberry, Brandon, Oak Lake, Virden, White-wood, Moosomin, Wolseley, Grenfell, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and Calgary, on the main line of the C. P. R.; Gladstone, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Rapid City, Strathclair, Shoal Lake and Birtle, on the M. & N. W. Railway; Morden, Manitou, Pilot Mound, and Boissevain, on the Pembina Mountain Railway, not to speak of Lethbridge and McLeod, Edmonton, Battleford, Fort Saskatchewan, Carman, Fort Qu'Appelle and the rest, all owe their churches to this Fund. During the last five years 82 churches, 4 church-mansees and 17 mansees have been built, or 103 structures in all, and of these 94 were assisted from the Church and Manse Fund. For the eight years prior to the existence of the Fund only 15 churches and mansees were built, or not quite an average of 2, while since the existence of the Fund the average has been nearly 21 a year.

The possession of a church has increased the audience and widened the sphere for the ministers' usefulness. Jones would not attend services held in Brown's house and Brown honestly paid Jones back; both attend services in the church.

A church affords facilities for the prosecution of Sabbath School work. In a country where religious training is too often neglected at home, the Sabbath School is scarcely less important than the public service. The attendance at the Sabbath School has increased nearly ten fold since the Fund was organized.

Churches have increased attendance on public service and swelled the revenues of congregations. Until Port Arthur had a church it received \$300 from the Home Mission Fund; with the dedication of its church the congregation became self-sustaining. The contributions of Edmonton went up from \$300 to \$700, and those of Rat Portage from \$550 to \$1000. Calgary became self-sustaining in three years and now gives its pastor \$1,200 per annum. Regina, Boissevain, Virden, Qu'Appelle, Oak Lake and other centres experienced similar benefits.

The increase in congregational contributions has enabled the Church to extend her operations. The money saved in older districts has been available for work in new fields. If to-day, there is no settlement of any size or a centre of any promise where a missionary of the Church is not ministering to the religious wants of the people, it is to a considerable extent due to the operations of the Church and Manse Board. The Fund has been a valuable aid in church extension.

It has saved money directly to missionaries and the funds of the church. Seventeen mansees have been already erected. At an average rental of \$15 per month an annual saving of \$3060 is effected. This sum capitalized at 8 per cent., the ruling rate of bank interest would amount to \$38,250 or four-fifths of the total amount expended by the Board. Wherever the minister of an augmented congregation is provided with a manse, he receives \$50 less from the Augmentation Fund. These mansees have contributed to the comfort of our missionaries and so removed the reproach of neglect on the part of the Church. It has increased their power to help young people and so to weld the congregation into a compact whole.

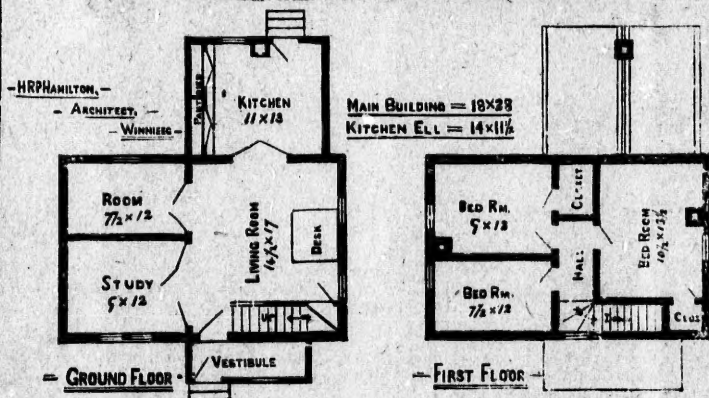
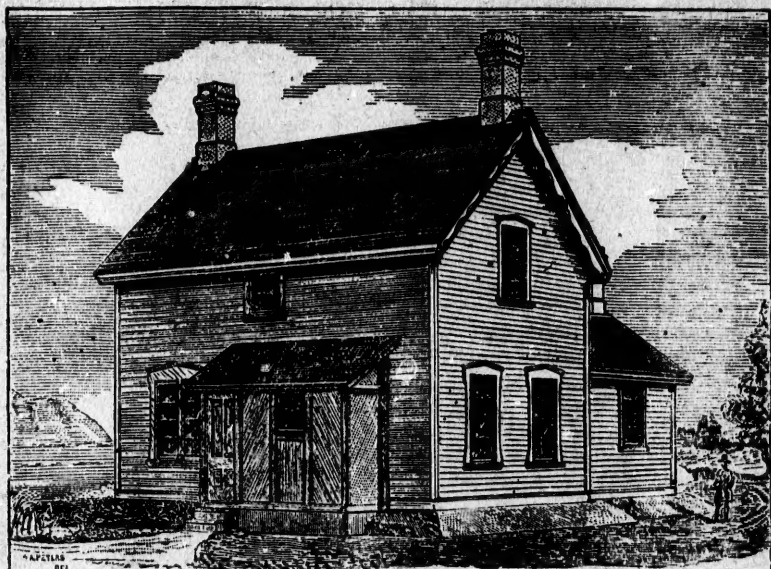
The timely aid extended has cheered the hearts of missionaries and people, it has helped to make the church one and keep the west closely attached to the east. In their times of political disintegration this is a national blessing.

With all that has been done the work of the Board is only beginning. New fields in considerable numbers are being occupied every year. Four-fifths of the ministers are without mansees and three-fourths of the points occupied are without churches.

During last summer several contributors to the Fund from Toronto, Montreal and other centres visited the country. They expressed themselves much pleased with the work of the Board and they have increased their former contributions. Their cordial approval influenced their acquaintances to help the work.

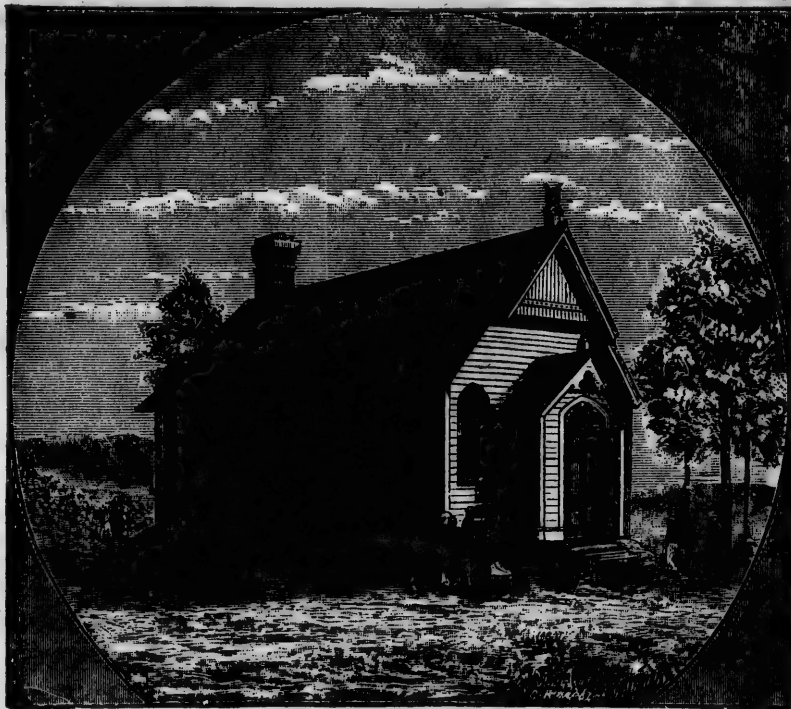
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JAMES ROBERTSON.

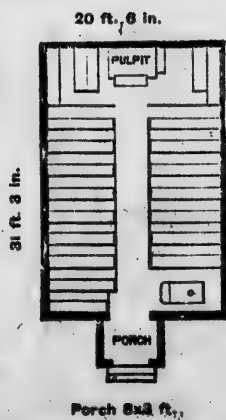


DESIGN 1. CHURCH AND MANSE COMBINED.

SEATS 90 ON GROUND FLOOR; COST \$1200.00.



G. W. Stewart, Architect, Winnipeg.



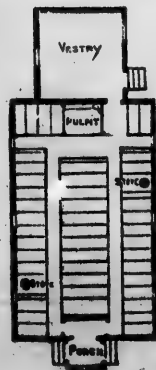
ACCOMMODATE 100.

DESIGN NO. 2. COST \$900 00.



CHURCH 48' x 28'
 VESTRY, 18' x 18'
 To ACCOMMODATE 200.

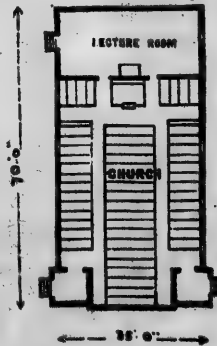
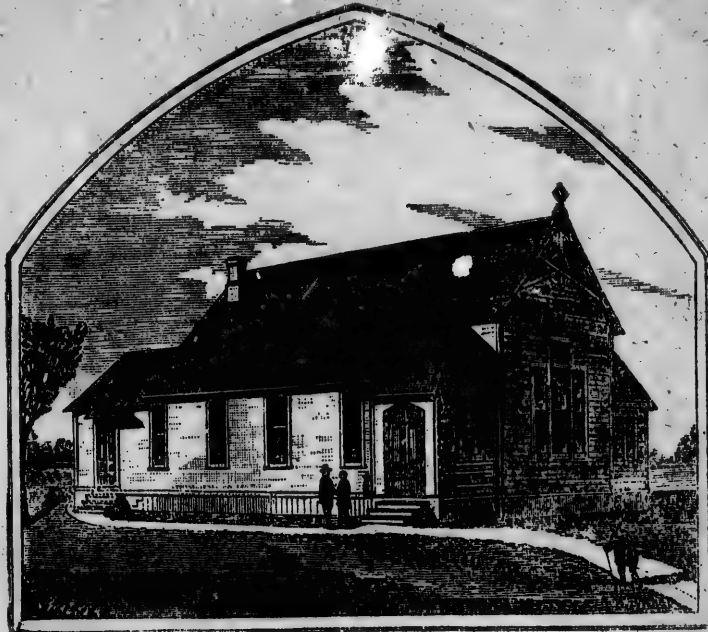
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SECTION.

CHESTERTON AND MONROE. ARCHT.

DESIGN NO. 3. COST, WITHOUT VESTRY, \$1300 00.



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SECTION.

CHURCH ACCOMMODATES 200
 LECTURE ROOM " 100
 (34' x 10')

DESIGN No. 4. Cost \$2800.00.

Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Manitoba and the North-West.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, YEAR 1886-1887.

RECEIPTS.

1886.

I. BALANCE FROM LAST ACCOUNT.

May 17. To balance in Commercial Bank of Manitoba per last account.. \$5179 73

1887.

II. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

May 9 To amount of subscriptions paid to date, per detailed statement hereto annexed:

1. On subscription reported in former accounts	\$2844 67	
2. On present year's subscription	1940 72	
		4785 39

1887.

III. REPAYMENT OF LOANS, &c.

May 9. Regina	\$400 00	
West Lynn	40 00	
Virden	20 00	
High Bluff	205 00	
Indian Head	50 00	
Greenridge	25 00	
Stonewall	150 00	
Glendale	30 00	
Manitou	455 00	
Battleford	550 00	
Whitewood	77 15	
		2002 15

1887.

IV. INTEREST ON BANK ACCOUNT.

May. 9 To interest on bank account	122 55	
		\$12069 82

PAYMENTS.

1887.

I. LOANS AND GRANTS.

May. 9. By the following Loans and Grants during the past year :

Fort Qu'Appelle	\$600 00	
Brandon Knox Church	370 00	
Shoal Lake	300 00	
Neebawa	400 00	
Roxboro	200 00	
Barnes Settlement	200 00	
Morden	250 00	
Pilot Mound	500 00	
McLeod Station	150 00	
Strathclair	100 00	
Birtle	550 00	
Emerson	500 00	
Cathcart	17 35	
Battleford	800 00	
Boissevain	100 00	
Winlaw	100 00	
Moosomin (deed)	5 00	
Fort Francis	101 49	
		<u>\$5243 84</u>

1888.

II. EXPENSES.

May 27. By paid R. E. Young, for marking Mission Stations on Map....	\$ 20 00	
July 24. By paid Rolph, Smith & Co., for Maps	163 00	
Nov. 5. By paid McIntyre Bros., printers	150 00	
1887.		
Feb. 24. By paid McIntyre Bros., balance	153 93	
May 9. By paid Bank Commission on Cheques	1 51	
By paid Treasurer, for Clerk's services	250 00	
By paid Treasurer, for postage and telegrams	5 00	
By paid carriage of organ from Bell Organ Co.....	8 15	
		<u>751 59</u>

1887.

III. BALANCE IN BANK.

May 9. By balance in Commercial Bank of Manitoba, per Bank Book....	6094 39	
Total		<u>\$12089 82</u>

GENERAL ABSTRACT.

Total amount subscribed per last year's Reports	\$110771 87	
Added during this year	4020 72	
Total subscribed		<u>\$114792 09</u>
Amount paid on subscriptions, per last year's Reports	\$44208 82	
Paid during present year	4785 39	
Total amount paid		<u>\$48994 01</u>
WINNIPEG, 9th May, 1887.		

JOHN B. MCKILLIGAN, TREASURER.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS IN FORMER ACCOUNTS.

Miss Curtiss, Paris.....	\$ 10 00	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$1595 67
Miss E. J. Curtiss, Paris.....	10 00	D. Paisley, Galt.....	3 00
William Hendrie, Hamilton.....	250 00	J. Arthur Murray, London.....	30 00
Geo. Rutherford ".....	200 00	Thos. Brydan, ".....	30 00
J. M. Gibson, ".....	25 00	Duncan Campbell ".....	10 00
A. Laidlaw, ".....	15 00	J. A. Allen, L. L. D., Perth.....	10 00
Alex. Davison, ".....	25 00	Robert Baxter, Halifax.....	10 00
Young & Brother, ".....	15 00	James Gray, Perth.....	20 00
Robert Mulholland, Cobourg.....	33 34	H. W. Darling, Toronto.....	300 00
W. G. Matthew, Gananoque.....	30 00	Rev. S. Carruthers, Kirkwall.....	17 00
W. I. Gage.....	9 00	Miss Adams, Toronto, \$5 and \$5.....	10 00
C. McCallum, London.....	30 00	Hamilton Cassells, Toronto \$50 and \$50.....	100 00
William Kent, ".....	30 00	Rev. M. McGillivray, Perth.....	10 00
A. F. Banks, Toronto.....	50 00	Rev. G. D. McLaren, Brampton.....	10 00
A. W. Nelson, ".....	50 00	Mary A. Perrine, Berlin.....	10 00
T. McGaw, ".....	75 00	D. Hunter, Toronto.....	34 00
S. C. Duncan Clark, Toronto.....	25 00	T. Woodbridge, Toronto.....	30 00
G. F. Ferguson, ".....	20 00	Mrs. A. Farlinger, per Rev. G.D. Bayne.....	10 00
C. H. Nelson, ".....	25 00	Henry Michie, Fergus.....	50 00
Rev. A. Gilroy, ".....	5 00	Wm. Murray, ".....	4 00
J. F. Eby, ".....	25 00	Alex. Mills, ".....	4 00
A. A. Allen, ".....	100 00	Robert Phillips, ".....	10 00
Christie, Kerr & Co., ".....	50 00	William Rose, ".....	3 33
F. N. Tennant, ".....	34 00	Robert Black, ".....	5 00
R. A. Smillie, ".....	5 00	John Beattie, ".....	4 00
James McLennan, ".....	75 00	James Argo, ".....	25 00
W. D. Beardmore, ".....	20 00	Wm. Castelli, ".....	5 00
John Bain, ".....	50 00	Andrew Semple, ".....	5 00
David Bastedo, Princeton.....	6 00	Robert Steele, ".....	5 00
James Bain, Toronto.....	10 00	John Gowans, Toronto.....	50 00
Wm. Hood, Milliken.....	15 00	Rev. John Mutch.....	20 00
A. Telfer, Toronto.....	50 00	D. D. Christie.....	33 00
W. C. Harris, Toronto.....	50 00	George Chamberlain, King.....	3 00
Mrs. Lovatt, Toronto.....	10 00	Alex. Mitchell, King.....	2 00
Peter Barnett, Fergus.....	5 00	Rev. James Carmichael.....	10 00
Donald McKay, Toronto.....	100 00	John Macphree, Cornwall.....	20 00
Geo. W. Stewart, Winnipeg.....	33 33	Wm. M. Topping, Galt.....	6 67
E. F. Hutchings, Winnipeg.....	25 00	Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent.....	50 00
A. McLachlan, St. Thomas.....	10 00	Gill Brothers, Brockville.....	300 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$1595 67		\$2844 67

AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED SINCE LAST REPORT.

	<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>		<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Ebenezer Rutherford, North			<i>Brought forward</i>	\$171 00	\$5 00
East Hope.....	\$ 6 00		Bryce Allan, Jarvis.....	5 00	5 00
Duncan Forbes, North East			James Noble.....	5 00	5 00
Hope.....	5 00		D. Ormiston, Whitby.....	30 00	
A. Stewart, North East Hope.....	15 00		Mrs. Mitchell, ".....	15 00	
Jeremiah Curtiss.....	5 00	5 00	Rev. John Abraham, Whitby..	25 00	
C. Dietrich, Shakespeare.....	15 00		Thomas Doig, ".....	5 00	5 00
John Penman, Paris.....	100 00		Mrs. Campbell, ".....	1 00	1 00
Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, Paris.....	25 00		R. McLaughlin, Oshawa.....	20 00	5 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$171 00	\$5 00	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$277 00	\$26 00

<i>Brought forward</i>\$377 00			<i>Brought forward</i>\$1985 30		
David Keith, Oshawa.....	10 00		Dr. Andrew Smith, Toronto..	25 00	25 00
Rev. S. H. Eastman, Oshawa.....	10 00	10 00	Chas. Cockshutt (add'l) "	50 00	50 00
W. J. Hare, ".....	10 00		Dr. Thorburn, ".....	25 00	25 00
A. Adamson, ".....	15 00	5 00	J. W. Langmuir, ".....	50 00	
Robert McCaw, ".....	5 00	5 00	Swan Bros., (add'l) ".....	25 00	25 00
Mallory, ".....	1 00	1 00	Glover Harrison (add'l) "	50 00	50 00
T. Morris, ".....	1 00	1 00	Chas. Rogers, ".....	20 00	
Jessie Pantan, ".....	1 00	1 00	J. V. Ireland, ".....	30 00	10 00
Cash, ".....	05	05	David McGee, (add'l) "	25 00	25 00
Cash, ".....	25	25	Wm. Mitchell, ".....	10 00	10 00
Miss Lane, ".....	1 00	1 00	Rev. P. McF. McLeod, ".....	25 00	
A. Laidlaw, Hamilton, (add'l).....	85 00	10 00	C. H. Douglas, ".....	30 00	10 00
John Stewart, Hamilton.....	30 00		John V. Reid (add'l) "	25 00	25 00
W. Vallance, ".....	25 00	25 00	J. D. W. Burnside, ".....	25 00	
D. P. McGregor, ".....	50 00		Lizzie Hamilton, ".....	5 00	
Dr. R. J. Husband, Hamilton.....	25 00		J. T. Paterson, ".....	15 00	
Alex. McLagan, ".....	100 00	100 00	Frank Bretton, ".....	15 00	
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Cash, ".....	5 00	5 00	A. Ross, ".....	10 00	10 00
Central Church (col.).....	50 00	50 00	A. W. Smith, (add'l).....	100 00	100 00
John Carruthers, Cobourg....	2 00	2 00	Collection West Church ".....	9 16	9 16
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J. Sutherland, ".....	5 00	5 00	R. W. Spence, ".....	20 00	
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Mrs. John Smith, ".....	5 00	5 00	John Wanless, ".....	5 00	5 00
Miss J. E. Oliver, ".....	5 00	5 00	Robert McLean, ".....	5 00	5 00
Rev. P. Wright, Stratford.....	120 00		A. W. McLachlan, ".....	10 00	10 00
G. McPherson, ".....	120 00		A. M. Cosby, (add'l).....	200 00	
Hugh Nichol, ".....	30 00		James Alexander, ".....	100 00	
James Barton, ".....	15 00	5 00	A. T. Crombie, (add'l).....	10 00	
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James Brandy, ".....	5 00		D. Bastedo, Princeton.....	6 00	6 00
D. D. Hay, ".....	15 00		Mrs. Bean, Toronto.....	33 34	33 34
Wm. Byers, ".....	10 00	10 00	Hugh McColl, Georgetown..	5 00	5 00
Dr. Shaw, ".....	1 00	1 00	Rev. I. Laing, D. D., Dundas	12 00	12 00
James Hamilton, ".....	5 00	5 00	Friend, Fergus.....	50 00	50 00
Alex. McPherson, ".....	5 00	5 00	G. W. Banks, Toronto.....	7 00	7 00
J. Mowat, ".....	5 00	5 00	Chas. F. McGillivray, Fergus.	10 00	10 00
Mrs. Sauls, Kingston.....	1 00	1 00	S. A. Beaford, (Cathcart)....	10 00	10 00
Wm. Fee, ".....	5 00	5 00	Pugwash, per Rev. Mr. Laing.	14 42	14 42
Rev. Mr. Mackie, Kingston..	10 00	10 00	Rev. R. Y. Thomson, Rogerville	15 00	15 00
A. Baird, ".....	2 00	2 00	J. Sutherland, ".....	3 33	3 33
Cash, ".....	1 00	1 00	G. Sutherland, ".....	1 67	1 67
H. Crothers, ".....	30 00		James Bell, ".....	3 00	3 00
J. H. Metcalf, ".....	5 00	5 00	Wm. McEwen, ".....	1 00	1 00
T. Patterson, Bowmanville....	50 00	50 00	Old St. Andrew's Ch. Toronto	100 00	100 00
F. Bleakley, ".....	30 00		Friend of Missions, per Dr. Reid	50 00	50 00
Charles Todd, ".....	5 00	5 00	C. F. Wagner, Toronto.....	5 00	5 00
Rev. R. D. Frazer, ".....	10 00	5 00	Strabane Sunday School friend	9 00	9 00
D. Fisher, ".....	10 00	10 00	Erskine Sunday School Toronto	12 50	12 50
Mrs. C. Gaudier, ".....	50 00		Kirkton Sunday School, per		
Mrs. Lyell, ".....	50 00		Beaconsfield Church.....	10 00	10 00
H. Beith, ".....	45 00		Geo. D. Ferguson, Fergus....	50 00	50 00
R. Byers, Gananoque.....	15 00		H. Munroe, Montreal, (add'l)..	50 00	50 00
N. D. McArthur, Belleville.....	50 00		Bell Organ Co., Guelph.....	125 00	125 00
Tannahill, ".....	10 00	10 00	Orangeville St. Andrew's Ch.	42 00	42 00
Rev. J. H. George, ".....	50 00		Scarboro Knox Church.....	70 00	70 00
A. G. Northrup, (add'l) ".....	50 00		J. McMichael, Toronto, ".....	10 00	10 00
John D. Hay, Toronto.....	300 00	100 00	The late R. Middlemiss, Galt..	50 00	50 00
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Form of Bequest.

I give and bequeath to the Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for Manitoba and the North-West, the sum of..... and I direct that the said legacy be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purpose, and in preference to any other payment therefrom.